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Photo by Chris Bishop

Over 60 racers from across Ontario competed at the AOS SBX Boardercross race at Sir Sam's on Jan. 20. Devon Knight won the men's overall, while Nathalee Perry won the women's division.

Two evicted from Minden trailer park

By Mark Arike

James McGregor has been living year-round at the South Lake Tent & Trailer in Minden since September 2011.

So when the 67-year-old received a notice on his trailer ordering him to vacate the property, he was outraged and disappointed.

"When someone does something I feel is unfair, or is

outright wrong, I tend to reciprocate – in a legal way," said McGregor in a Jan. 21 interview outside of his fifth wheel. "I've been here [in Minden Hills] the last 26 or 27 years."

The notice, which came from the township's solicitors and was posted on each trailer in the park, requested that McGregor "cease any use of the trailer site and trailer hereon except during the permitted operating season."

"The camp is located within the Recreational Commercial (CR-3) Zone which permits existing camping establishments," states the letter, signed by solicitor Edward B. Veldboom. "The definition related to that permitted use specifically restricts the operating season to the period of April 1st through November 30th each calendar year (the permitted operating season)."

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Students have class at arena after Archie Stouffer Elementary School was evacuated on Jan. 23.

Archie Stouffer evacuated

By Matthew Desrosiers

Students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES) in Minden were evacuated on Jan. 23 when the regulator on the school's propane tank broke.

According to Traci Hubbert, ASES principal, propane was released from the tank as a result of the broken regulator. Without fuel, the school's heaters shut down.

"The school is freezing cold," Hubbert said.

The propane leaked from the tank, but not because of a flaw with the tank itself, she said.

"The school's [not] going to blow up."

Staff loaded students on buses and transported them to their designated evacuation point at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena. Teachers arrived at the school early enough to prepare for the evacuation. They brought materials with them to continue classes in the upper level of the arena.

"We're still doing school stuff here because we had enough time," Hubbert said. "Each teacher is sitting with their class at tables."

MH building permits on the rise

The Township of Minden Hills' building department issued 24 more building permits in 2012 than in the previous year, according to a year-end report presented to councillors at a Jan. 17 committee-of-the-whole meeting. The rise represents an 8.6 per cent increase.

"I think it's really exciting that for a third year in a row we've seen an increase for new family dwelling in Minden Hills, which is encouraging to see," said Reeve Barb Reid.

The permits issued for 2012 are as follows: 78 new dwellings, 198 residential improvements, and 26 industrial and commercial projects.

The total construction value is nearly \$12.8 million.

AH tipping fees doubled

Algonquin Highlands will double tipping fees for disposal of construction and other bulky materials effective Feb. 1 on recommendation of staff at the Jan. 17 council meeting.

Public works manager Mike Thomas reported some township landfill sites are not breaking even on costs. He also advised raising the fees from \$20 to \$40 per cubic yard for chippable construction and demolition waste, shingles and bulky items will bring fees more in line with those of other municipalities.

Non-chippable construction and demolition waste will remain at \$40 per cubic yard.

Council passed the bylaw to enact this and changes to an earlier bylaw, including amended definitions of bulk garbage and bulky items.

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Highlander news

Tenant says he arranged to stay year-round

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Use of the trailer sites and occupation of them outside of the permitted season "represents a violation of the zoning bylaw." Trailers cannot be used as dwelling units and such use "represents a contravention of the Ontario Building Code."

"The township will be conducting further inspections no later than Jan. 31 and should the inspections reveal that continued use of this trailer site/trailer is occurring, the township will commence legal proceedings against you and any other person who has occupied the trailer site/trailer outside of the permitted operating season," the letter continued.

The trailer park does not have on-site sanitation facilities or running water in the winter months.

McGregor said he received visits from a public health inspector as well as the township's interim chief building officer Colin McKnight regarding the violation.

According to McKnight, the bylaw department had received several complaints from individuals in the area about tenants occupying the park during the winter months.

But McGregor claims he moved into the trailer park with the intention of living there at all times of the year.

"No one said I couldn't, including the owner," he said.

The retired McGregor made a presentation to Minden Hills councillors at their Jan. 17 committee-of-the-whole meeting to seek an exemption for him and Karen Sellers, another resident in the trailer park.

"If you give us two months and two weeks, we're back in compliance and we'll deal with it next fall," he told councillors.

Following his presentation councillors heard from McKnight, who recommended council follow the advice of their solicitor.

His report indicated that staff had performed several site inspections at the park in the past month. The trailer park's owner, Richard Ye, had been contacted "on several occasions" via telephone and sent written correspondence.

"The owner is well aware that he is not to be allowing the lessee/tenants to be admitted into the park except during the permitted operating season," said McKnight.

McKnight called the situation "unfortunate" but said that granting the tenants an exemption would set a precedent.

"We can't do that because then all of a sudden we're letting people live in trailers," explained McKnight in a phone interview. "Then what's to stop anyone from putting a trailer in their backyard and using it as a rental unit? It's not allowed and we don't want to start allowing it... there are zoning and building code issues."

In a letter from Sellers, she indicated she approached Ye in August of last year about living in the park over the winter months.

"He told me that it would not be a problem, but only under certain conditions," said Sellers. "We made an agreement that if I were to pay \$500 for hydro upfront, \$400 for winter fees, and \$300 for a hydro meter to be installed, there would not be a problem with me staying over the winter months."

Sellers said she went ahead and paid Ye for what was agreed upon.

"We treat every seasonal camper the same," said Ye when asked about his tenant's letter. "Those fees apply to the snowmobiling people as well. But they have to use the site as an off-season, overnight

camping only. We have the hydro services only, they have to bring their own drinking water and portable toilet."

He explained that every seasonal camper must pay \$300 to install a hydro meter and \$400 for trailer storage. Ye acknowledged receiving Sellers's payments, however that didn't mean she was entitled to live there in the winter.

"In our contract, her and all seasonal campers know the site can't be used for permanent living," he said.

According to Ye, hydro was disconnected on Jan. 20. He said he decided to close the main snowmobile trail in order to stop people from entering the park.

Based on what he knew about McGregor and Sellers, he believed both were "homeless people."

"I just want to give them a hand to help them until they overcome the hard time," he said.

McGregor said he purchased his trailer with the intent of purchasing a property and building a permanent home.

"In 2012, I made several offers to purchase property, which all were declined," he said in his letter. "I have building plans produced by Minden Home Hardware and sketches I have made."

As McGregor packed up his vehicle with some of his belongings last Sunday, he said he didn't know where he'd be heading.

"Right from the get-go I paid to live here and all of a sudden I'm out on my ass. I may go back to Renfrew [Ontario]," he said, explaining that he has family in the area.

McGregor said he was disappointed in the response he received from council following his presentation.

"I figured if I went to council I would at least get some sort of a hearing," he said.

"Nobody is helping me on this. The problem I still believe is between the residents, the township and the owner."

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid called the matter "a very cut and dry thing."

"The bylaw is very clear," she said.

"Mr. McGregor, for whatever reason, is trying to fight this. Unfortunately, it's not a fight that he can win because trailers are not considered permanent homes."

The Highlander has learned that Sellers managed to arrange alternative living arrangements "for a couple of months" thanks to the generosity of her employer.



Photo by Mark Arike

James McGregor stands by his fifth wheel at the South Lake Tent & Trailer Park. McGregor and another tenant were recently ordered to vacate their trailers for the winter months, as the permitted operating season runs from April 1 to Nov. 30. He claims he made arrangements to live there year-round.

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Editorial opinion

Hockey Central

If you've been living under a rock for the past month, you might be confused by the sight of ATVs and trucks in Haliburton Village on Head Lake and at the Pinestone busily clearing the ice of snow.

You would be even more surprised to see volunteer firefighters outside with pumps and hoses, spraying down the lake and pond in an attempt to build up the ice level. With weather as cold as it's been this week, they would need to be crazy to stand outside all day, covered in ice from the spray-back of their nozzles. But they did it, and they aren't alone.

Highlanders have rallied behind the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships that kick off this weekend and run from Jan. 25-27 and Feb. 1-3.

The event has really captured our imaginations here in Haliburton Village.

The common thing you hear from people when they talk about the tournament is that it brings them back to when they were kids, playing on a pond or outdoor rink with their parents or their friends. Even people who never played organized hockey have likely played a game or two of shinny on the pond. It's a way of life in this country.

When you're out there, you aren't thinking about anything else. You get lost in the moment, gliding over crunching ice with your hair blowing

in the wind, waiting to make the next play.

It's a pure game. There aren't any contracts or coaches yelling at you from the bench. You laugh when you fall, your teammates joke every time you miss the goal, and at the end the game, you've inevitably been out there hours longer than you intended.

That's what this tournament is bringing to Haliburton County. The significant economic boost is a plus for businesses in the area, there's no doubt. But for Highlanders, Canadians, the chance to reconnect with a time when things were simple — when all you needed in life was a pair of skates, a stick and a puck — is the real prize here.

So it's no surprise that people are volunteering their time, braving the elements, just to be a part of this event. You don't need to be playing on the ice to benefit from what's happening on the ice. The atmosphere is going to be both nostalgic and exciting.

Don't miss it.

Over the next two weeks, The Highlander will be at the tournament, following it and bringing you all the news, stories and results from the pond. Look for our special sections in both this and next week's issue.



By Matthew Desrosiers

Behold the mote

"Never criticize a man until you've walked a mile in his moccasins."

Native [American] Proverb

What's the difference between a house that never gets lived in and a power plant that never gets built?

That's a question I've been asking myself over the last few weeks as the Idle No More movement has drawn increasing levels of ire from non-Native Canadians.

Both the Attawapiskat houses and the Mississauga power plant are shameful, inexcusable wastes of public funds. Both are the result of incompetence at the highest levels and both reveal the rot and lack of accountability at the centre of many of our most important institutions.

Yet there must be a difference, because the wasted money and mismanagement in Attawapiskat, site of the unused homes, has led to public outrage of the most unsavoury kind. A troll through the comments on national newspaper websites finds them full of attacks on Natives themselves — all the usual prejudices about laziness and dependency that run amok in the national imagination. How quickly some people pile on when the opportunity presents itself.

To wit, when Chief Theresa Spence pays herself an outrageous salary from public funds, she's seen as a symptom of a dysfunctional and corrupt culture serving a nation of misfits, layabouts and freeloaders living high on the hog on the backs of taxpayers. But when former Ornge CEO Chris Mazza pays himself an outrageous salary with public money, it's condemned as the fraud and mismanagement of a small group of civil servants. *That's government for you* is about as bad as the criticism gets; Mazza and his ilk are never described as the result of "white" or "Canadian" culture.

The difference between houses and power plants, Spence and Mazza, of course, is us.

There's no question our ancestors perpetrated crimes against native populations: deliberately introducing disease and alcohol to destroy communities; separating children from their parents and "Westernizing" them in often-abusive residential schools; breaking treaty obligations by despoiling land and relocating populations.

And it's also true that, over roughly 400 years, First Nations have failed in any meaningful way to come to grips with their reality and move forward. As Jeffrey Simpson wrote recently in the Globe and

Mail, many are living in a "dream palace" of the past, awaiting the return of a life that can no longer exist. While we may romanticize the traditional hunter-gatherer lifestyle, the truth is that it was a harsh, short existence. To pretend that remote communities can live traditionally while at the same time enjoying modern conveniences is insane given the distances and extremes that characterize Canada; yet we continue with the ridiculously expensive charade, afraid to take on the status quo.

While it's easy to condemn the billions given every year to First Nations, it's also easy to forget that similar sums are transferred between provinces to subsidize entire regions that are no longer economically viable. Millions living in Quebec and Atlantic Canada would be destitute were it not for the largesse of the federal government — unless they moved to more prosperous regions, losing their culture, family connections, history and friends in the process. Sound familiar? Natives are not the only Canadians failing to pull themselves up by their bootstraps.

Here in the Highlands, we're pretty much in the same boat. What would happen to our local economy without jobs in municipal government, education and healthcare; without grants for roads, non-profits and the arts?

Our economy picked up and left some fifty years ago. Yet many are still looking down at their moccasins, wondering what to do next. Sure, we have our share of projects, entrepreneurial businesses and a strong volunteer corps, but we have as a community yet to figure out a clear plan for our economic future, never mind make it happen. Were federal and provincial taps to shut off, many would be forced to leave their homes. That may happen sooner rather than later with recent cuts to EI — of which we are frequent and long-term beneficiaries. Does that make ours a culture of dependency too?

As most of us have never shared anything close to the Native experience, perhaps we should be a bit less quick to judge. To paraphrase a more familiar proverb, before we behold the speck in our brother's eye, let's consider the log in our own.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Photo of the week



Photo by Warren Riley

A tree hangs precariously over County Road 21.

Hunting season

Dear editor,

Regarding the wolf incident at Haliburton Forest Wolf Centre, only an incredibly stupid, uncaring individual could have committed such an act. I think one can be reasonable sure whoever this person is he is the one who also shot the wolves. I don't know any gun owners who routinely carry loaded firearms around in their vehicle in anticipation of needing to use them. Maybe we should add a hunting season for stupid people to the existing hunting seasons? There are simply getting to be too many of them.

Keith Stata
Kinmount

Gun issue in US a state of mind

Dear editor,

I too seldom write letters to the editor, mainly because I feel it is a relatively weak way to effect change. However sometimes you just can't ignore remarkably narrow comments. First I'll say I am not anti-gun, I have a hunting license, nor am I in favour of criminalizing common sporting-based gun ownership. I do think it wise to keep track of weapons regardless of their level of technology. It just makes sense.

The writer of the recent letter suggesting the NRA is correct in its assertion that all schools should have armed officers within is missing one immense, glaring and seemingly obvious point. The sort of person who gathers up several assault weapons and enough ammo for the sort of spectacle that occurred at Sandy Hook or Columbine is not likely to be deterred in any way by the presence of an armed guard. In the greatest majority of these instances the "gunman" (it makes more sense to describe these people as mental health patients) could care less about the consequences or is incapable of assessing the consequences and therefore isn't likely to be deterred in the same way as a rational mentally healthy person would. Our NRA supporter repeatedly refers to logic and common sense as if the problem (mentally impaired, not logical, lacking common sense) individual will take this into account.

In all but the fewest of cases the person our previous writer at least once referred to as a "terrorist" ends up dead either by their own hand or at the hands of authority. My point here is the odds of living beyond committing this sort of act are already practically zero yet it still happens.

I looked up gun stats internationally, who is worst, who is best or has the least amount of gun crime. Interestingly the US is 28 on the list I found. So there are 27 countries with higher rates of death by gun. At

first it looks pretty good until you look closer and see that the countries that are worse are countries with drug cartel problems or incredible racial/religious issues or Tin Pot dictatorships. Think Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama and places like that. Places where criminal behaviour is running almost unchecked at times. Not really a favourable comparison and certainly not the one most would choose. The gun issue in the US is simply a state of mind or, in other words, a culture. Thug life is glamourized, lone ranger justice is revered and the idea of heroism regardless of moral fortitude is celebrated throughout American culture. Combined with the zealous adherence to an amendment in law that is exceptionally outdated one should expect no other result. Incidentally, amendment means an adjustment or alteration of preceding standard, by the way.

Lastly, just for fun and in the way of supporting my last paragraph, let's quote the NRA supporter: "I sweep back my jacket, draw my pistol, point it at our terrorist and say bang in less time than it took to read this sentence."

The fact that this writer couldn't resist the little fantasy mental picture of himself sweeping back his jacket and pulling out his pistol demonstrates pretty simply that there is a prevailing hero worship, Tarantino quality, driving the "logic".

I too want safer schools and safer streets and less crime and more logic and common sense, but not through the criminalization of ordinary hunters or bomb sheltering of our schools or through cameras on every light pole. Common sense is just another way of saying education. It's the kind of thing you get out of common cultural thinking. If you have the most art in the world you certainly have a lot of artists. If you live by the water you probably go swimming. If you have the most guns...

Gary George
Minden

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The Outsider — Macabre motels and toilet humour

A trip to the city is something I always look forward to more than I enjoy when I'm actually there.

The lure of the urban maelstrom: that crush of all kinds of humanity, its collective energy coursing through the streets, malls and high rises are bound to spring a surprise or two upon me. It has to be exciting. And then there's the reality: that crush of all kinds of vehicle — commonly known as the 401 in the rush hour — a billion grumpy-faced passersby, the grey upon grey palette of every street you walk down. No surprises, just the drudgery that I moved away from when I left London.

But then there was my most recent trip to the city, a visit that had my heart racing, body shaking and mouth hanging open agog all in the space of 48 hours. Let's begin at the end, so to speak, with a trip to the loo.

In my other job as an architectural journalist I visit posh new houses and then write about them for magazines and newspapers. It was in this guise that I found myself standing in the bathroom of one such luxurious home in the Niagara Escarpment. I was standing staring at the toilet. It didn't have a handle to flush, it had a digital control panel with little lights and an array of buttons.

Lost for words, I think I said, "WHOA!"

The owner of the toilet looked at me and smiled sheepishly. "I know, I know," he said. "It cost \$7,000 but once you try it you'll never want to 'go' anywhere else."

"WHOA!" I repeated.

The bathroom was one of those you see in glitzy magazines — a shower big enough for a football team, huge sunken bath, not one but two sinks and of course, the luxury loo. As I stood there, notebook in hand, homeowner demonstrating the loo (not *actually* demonstrating, just pushing the buttons), all I could think of was the cavernous gulf between here and my previous evening, spent in a not-so-salubrious motel room.

After a hard day's work in the city, and before my visit to the house of the mega-toilet, I needed to rest my weary head. It was a cheap motel: the kind at which you park your car outside the door to your room and where adjacent rooms are permanently rented, as indicated by the barbecues, lawn chairs and beer bottle collections outside their doors. There was a smell of old cigarettes, the bath tap dripped and the lavatory pan was cracked. I didn't mind. These little things even added to the ambiance — a little grimy colour — but what I hadn't bargained for was the scene on the ceiling when I lay back on the bed.

I blinked and focused in again. There, on the dirty white ceiling, was a spatter of dark red dots. Not lots. Not the head-blown-off mess you see in crime thrillers but enough to make me shiver and set my mind racing.

"They missed that bit when they cleaned up after the murder," I muttered to myself.

I pictured the scene. Some poor maid stripping the blood soaked sheets, scrubbing the floor and walls, cleaning away the evidence but, in her haste to get out of the room,

forgetting to look up. Not what you want to be thinking just before settling down for a good night's sleep.

That night the sirens wailed, the garbage trucks clattered and banged, and the next door neighbour howled. All that I could have coped with, after all I lived in London for 15 years, but the stain on the ceiling... Let's just say I was rather bleary-eyed when morning came around.

Driving away, quickly, from my macabre motel room I was unrested, unkempt (no shower today: have you seen Psycho?), unnerved; the drudgery of the city interrupted, replaced by a sinister dread.

Three hours later, driving away from my meeting with the ludicrously lavish lavatory, the sinister dread had been replaced by a comical grin and amused musings about how the other half live.

Yes, I was stuck in traffic on the 401, the faces in the cars around me were grumpy, the grey sky melded with the concrete crash barriers, but I was oblivious to the drudgery. I was marvelling at the mind-blowing contrast of things you can experience in a trip to the city.

One tip, though: relax and take your time, flush, wash, dry, fragrance. Don't forget the fragrance, the button on the far right: that's what you pay \$7,000 for!



By Will Jones

Highlander opinions

Eye on the street: Are you still supporting the NHL after the lock out?



Attila Baricz

West Guilford

Yes I am. I really like hockey and I was upset that they shut it down. Very happy that it is back and I hope to get tickets for a game this year.

Gord Hoenow

Halls Lake

Oh gosh yes! Absolutely. It's like the millionaires and the billionaires are fighting. Settle your differences and play hockey! Three million people watched Hockey Night in Canada Saturday night.



Sam Hoenow

Halls Lake

You bet! I love hockey and I am very happy that they are starting up the games again. It is so much fun to watch the games with my family.

Norma Jordan

12-Mile Lake

Yes, and I have already watched a couple of games! My grandson is a hockey player and we all root for the Toronto Maple Leafs. Go Leafs go!



Sara Moffatt

Halls Lake

Oh my goodness. I do not watch hockey. They are grossly overpaid and they should not be so greedy and think about all the other people whose jobs they affected and so should the owners.

A good guy with a gun

Dear editor,

There is a Disneyland culture in our land, where people feel that everything good or bad that they see on TV or in the movies is how it is in real life. My mother, a registered nurse, couldn't watch doctor movies because of their inaccuracies. I have trouble watching sniper movies or movies with a lot of violent action for the sake of violent action because that's not the way it is. When Arnie comes on screen firing a pistol in one hand and a belt fed machine gun in the other at the same time and everything he points at falls over dead, well Mr. Phipps, that's not the way it is in real life. Same thing with the Disney scenes where we all dance and sing about a mountain meadow covered in wild flowers having a conversation with all the birds and wildlife. By the way, Arnie came to the US as an immigrant and ended up the governor of a California – just how stupid is he again?

George Bush may have been a bumbling idiot but let's have a deeper look at what really happened as a result of his going to war with Iraq. Let's talk with the women of the Saddam Hussein regime and how they felt about being raped and murdered by his sons and others within the government, simply because they felt like doing it and could with Daddy's blessing. Not sure what it's like there now, I'm not there, but at least for awhile they didn't have to fear their own government. Our oldest son did three tours in Afghanistan and felt it was all worth it the day he saw young girls on their way to school dressed in school uniforms. Real solutions are always deeper than what we see on TV or in the movies.

Certainly our goal should be to evolve into a more civilized world, but simply saying that doesn't make it so. There are bad people out there with bad intentions and like the bully in the schoolyard, sometimes it takes a good person punching him in the nose to make him stop. Jack Layton once suggested we should sit down and have cookies with Al Quaida. Well, that approach resulted in one of Canada's young officers getting an axe to the head. That's the way it is in real life. To simply say "Money, muscle and munitions equals madness" is naive and shallow thinking. There are many examples in the real world where these have done society good and were the right things to bring to bear.

Mr. Cumber – an interesting reply. The reason the NRA are standing solid on bans against assault weapons is because assault weapons, real, by military definition, assault weapons are already banned. The rifles that everyone is pointing at and holding their nose over are called assault rifles, by those who are not SMEs, simply because they look like one. And, of course, banning this rifle is a feel-good measure and will not solve the real problem. The NRA wants you to look past the rifle and deal with the real solutions.

True you don't have to be a SME to have a good idea – but it helps. If you are to take wisdom from one of two people, one is someone with a good idea and the other a SME with a

good idea, which would you choose. I'll try to explain further.

You are suggesting that the problem with guns is that the manufactures are making too many and they should be controlled. All of the things you went on to mention that should be in place are already there. Already the cartels and gangs are being controlled. The Toronto Police Services have a "Guns and Gangs" squad that is working on this very problem and the police are not outgunned by these gangs. All guns and many parts are illegal to be sent from the US to any country. As a gunsmith, there are certain gun screws that I cannot buy from the US simply because they are gun parts and are illegal to send out of the US unless I have a licence from both countries. There are already dogs at border crossings that sniff out illegal contraband. Your point about stiffer penalties is the best one you make. Oftentimes gun crimes are bargained away. Crimes committed with a gun should have an automatic five to 10 years that is non-negotiable.

I'm not sure where you got the idea that I was suggesting we put guns into the hands of the untrained. Throughout my original letter I carefully referred to "trained and armed teachers". This training needs to be complete and detailed which would include proper handling drills, marksmanship under stress, when to draw your weapon and when to put it away and yes, how to handle your weapon so as not to shoot another good guy beside you. All of this training and much more already exists. Your point about the guy that took down Gabby's shooter nearly being shot himself is valid but is the reality of a gun fight. There will be close calls, in fact, the bad guy shot many more rounds than those who were hit, resulting in each one being a close call for someone. But someone has to take the risk to end this before more were hit. I was wounded in Vietnam by "friendly fire" but I still feel firmly that, "the only way to deal with a bad guy with a gun, is with a good guy with a gun." I still think of those poor teachers at Sandy Hook carrying out their ultimate responsibility of dying in an attempt to save their students. Can you just imagine what one well-placed shot would have done to end this sooner?

Your last point about the wolf being shot and the need for stricter regulations kind of makes my point about SMEs. I do not have all the facts about this incident other than what you implied about it being shot on a road from a vehicle. I have taught Hunter Safety courses and currently sit on an advisory board for the MNR. The fact is there already are laws in place to prevent someone from shooting from a motorized vehicle and along, across or from roads. So, apparently we can't legislate against stupidity – the solution here is deeper than what appears to be obvious, as it is with gun control.

Keith Cunningham
MilCun Training Center

Need for education

Dear editor,

The ongoing tragedy/criminal act at the Haliburton Forest has rekindled bitter and angry "people memories" for me.

In 1984, R.D. Lawrence and I returned to the Yukon Territory to monitor the aerial shooting of wolves, government programs conducted in British Columbia, Alaska and the Yukon. We went as observers, but soon found ourselves rescuing two wolf pups, because an alpha female had been shot in the belly and was unable to feed her offspring. Four of the six pups starved to death.

We returned immediately to our wilderness property in the Haliburton Highlands. The pups, Tundra and Taiga, miraculously survived and thrived. After threats to burn our house down, shoot the wolves and drive us out of the county, we decided that we needed to educate the public about Canis lupus. Read *In Praise of Wolves, Secret Go The Wolves, Trail of the Wolf, Wolves, and Cry Wild*.

For more than twenty years we ran a sanctuary in Highlands East where we raised and released injured and orphaned wildlife including 11 wolves, a cougar and a plethora of other wildlife. We worked with the Ontario MNR, the OSPCA Wildlife, Zoocheck, IFAW, Ontario Wolf Project, Earthroots and organizations in other provinces. We hosted thousands of visitors each year from around the world and visited schools and organizations across North America to deliver educational information about the elusive wolf.

In 1987 the first Wolf Weekend was held at the Haliburton Forest, and in 1993, six captive wolves were moved from Michigan to Haliburton County. Three adults went to the Haliburton Forest to begin the Wolf Centre, while two young wolves and a 16 year old female wolf came to our sanctuary.

We too, had armed trespassers come onto our wilderness property and cut open enclosures. There were also times when healthy wild animals were shot and left in our driveway. We were harassed by local goons who got their jollies from driving down the concession road late at night, vehicle lights out, yelling and screaming profanities, destroying our property and terrorizing the animals who were "in care".

In 2013, it is beyond belief that we still have mindless sub-humans lurking inside and outside this county. Obviously there is still a huge need for education through the unique, Canadian interpretive facility at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve.

Sharon Lawrence
Minden

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Notice

The Council of the Township of Minden Hills will consider amendments to the following By-laws, scheduled to be considered for passing at their regular Council meeting on Thursday, February 28th, 2013 at approximately 10:00 am in the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden.

- a) 12-87 Fees and Charges Bylaw
- b) 12-25 Water Service Fees (Minden)
- c) 12-26 Sewage Service Fees
- d) 12-33 Water Service Fees (Lutterworth)

Full details can be found at
www.mindenhills.com on the Notices Page or
File Pro at <https://haliburton.civicweb.net>
Copies of the amended schedules are available upon request.

Notice

Council, at their regular meeting of Council on February 28, 2013 will be considering the passing of the Cemetery Board Budget and the Township of Minden Hills 2013 Budget, respectively.
Public welcome.

Public Skating

At the S.G. Nesbitt
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**Wednesdays and Sundays
12:00 noon – 2:00 pm**

January 2013 Schedule & Sponsors

January 27 - NO Public Skating - Haliburton County Home Builders Charity Hockey Tournament

February 2013 Schedule & Sponsors

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Small one bedroom home, 725 square feet approximately, in Minden Village, very clean, fenced yard with 10x10 storage shed, electric heat, kitchen and 4 pc bath, laundry hook-up, no basement, single driveway, close to all amenities, \$600.00 per month, plus hydro. Content insurance tenant's responsibility, first and last required (the lease will be on a month-to-month basis). Non-smokers only and no pets. References required. Rental may commence on March 1, 2013.

All interested parties are asked to submit their completed application (available at the Township office or at www.mindenhills.ca under the Notices section) in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "2 Prince Street Rental Application" no later than Friday, February 22nd, 2013 by 12:00 noon to:

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After school program every Tuesday from 3:30 pm to 5 pm - Intended for students who are wanting to improve their art skill and knowledge recommended for 8+. Instructed by Sarah Jowett. (Students from A.S.E.S. meet in the school foyer to be walked over by instructor. Parent note required) If you are interested please fill in the entry form and contact the Agnes Jamieson Gallery curator Laurie Carmount
705-286-3763

Quilting Workshop

Saturday February 9, 2013 1 pm to 4 pm
in the Common Room
Instructed by Barbara Lichty

This workshop is a fun afternoon of creating two table toppers, learning how to work with striped material and borders. Participants must bring: 1.5 metres of striped cotton material, sewing machine, cutting mat and rotary cutter and sewing supplies. Template supplied. Barb is a member of the Elmira Needle Sisters' Quilt Guild. She will be showing examples of her work and sharing her wealth of sewing knowledge. This is meant for sewers who have some experience. Cost \$15pp.

Minden Hills Museum

**Exhibition: The Eaton's Catalogue:
The Rural Department Store
January 12 – April 06, 2013**

In 1884 Timothy Eaton released the first Eaton's catalogue. By 1896 the corporation's mail-order department was dispensing over 200,000 orders a year. Particular attention was placed on those Canadians who lived in the more rural areas of the country, not unlike Minden. This exhibition runs in conjunction to the January exhibition at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery that looks at the art of the Eaton's Catalogue. The Museums will be showcasing artifacts from the Eaton's Catalogue and also compares similar artifacts to those pictured in the book.

**R.D. Lawrence Place
Exhibition: The Coyote
January 14 – April 06, 2013**

Sightings of coyotes have been an increasing concern in populated areas. This exhibition looks at some of the key issues of living with coyotes and how many of these conflicts can possibly be avoided. Exhibits will focus on coyote identification, skull formations and the recent research that suggests the hunting and trapping of coyotes is not the solution to this growing problem. A lecture on this exhibit will be announced.

Meetings and Events

January 24

7:00 pm, Irondale Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting, Irondale Community Centre

January 31

9:00 am, Regular Council meeting, Minden Council Chambers
(public session at 10:00 am)

February 14

9:00 am, Committee of the Whole meeting, Minden Council Chambers
(public session 10:00 am)

February 16-18

Family Fun Weekend, Check our Information Page for more details

February 18

Family Day - Administration Offices CLOSED

February 28

9:00 am, Regular Council meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)

10:00 am, Public Meetings – By-laws, Cemetery Budget and Township Operating Budget 2013

4:30 pm, Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting, Minden Council Chambers

Do you have the BEST Chili recipe in Minden Hills?

Bring your recipe to the 6th annual Minden Winterfest Chili Competition for the public to enjoy and the celebrity judges to sample. This fierce competition between local service clubs, restaurant owners and home cooks has proven to be quite boisterous when the judging starts! Which secret ingredient will tip the scales this year?

If you wish to enter your chili in this year's competition contact Betty Mark at 705-286-4754 or Cammy George at 705-286-1936 Ext 200. The Minden Winterfest Chili Competition is hosted at the Minden Community Centre at 55 Parkside Street on Sunday, February 17 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Watch for the rest of our Minden Winterfest activities in future Highlander editions!



Fire Calendar Winners

Week of January 14
John Ritchie and Rene St Cyr

See page 9 for more ads

Highlander news

U-Links pitches consumer survey project

By Mark Arike

The U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research is pursuing a project that would bring students from the University of Wisconsin to Haliburton County.

"This is a new opportunity for us," Heather Reid, director of U-Links, told Minden Hills councillors at their Jan. 17 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

Randy Stoecker, a faculty member of the university and "a bit of a guru in community-based research," visited the area last spring to look for ways to bring students to the area.

"He is interested in initiating a pilot [project]... it's an international exchange for students at the University of Wisconsin," said Reid, adding it's an opportunity for students who may not be ready to do community-based research in a more "exotic, foreign country."

With the help of Stoecker, consultations were held with various community groups, said Reid.

Students would be recruited in January and should the course move ahead they would come to Haliburton to conduct a consumer survey under the direction of the County of Haliburton and the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC).

"The purpose of the project would be to get a sense of what people are purchasing outside of the county, and perhaps some indication of why," she said.

The intended outcomes of the project are to provide municipalities with information that will help them attract businesses to the area, as well as identify room for growth for existing businesses.

The project has received an \$8,100 financial commitment from the University of Wisconsin to bring the students to the county and cover their expenses, said Reid.

U-Links will apply to HCDC's local initiatives fund and each municipality is being asked to make a \$2,350 contribution.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$20,000.

"I think what the students bring is the people power to get out on the street and talk to people," said Reid.

The project would begin in July and results from its findings should be available by the fall.

Councillor Larry Clarke commended Reid and U-Links for their contributions to Minden.

"Being a small community, we don't have the resources to identify all the issues," he said.

"I'm very much in favour of this council showing U-Links support in any way we can. I hope you're successful with the other townships. They should recognize the value you bring to us as a community."

In her presentation, Reid also requested ongoing financial support from the township.

Council is expected to decide on Reid's requests at the February budget meeting.

Stress mounts at high school

By Jessica Miscio, student intern

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) is beginning exam week and students are feeling the pressure.

How do students cope with their worries?

"I think it depends on the individual," says one school counselor. "Deep breaths, focus, mindful moments, [and] exercise [are all fairly good ways to cope with stress]."

When asked if it is more likely for students to come and see her around exams she replied, "Yeah, I think they do. [Getting advice] gives students an opportunity to learn and practice ways for coping with the stress that exams [and other challenges] can bring."

Juanita Miscio, a student at HHSS, also commented on the worries of a high school student around this time. She feels stress due to "Family, friends of course [and] the social roof of high school. New responsibilities [that many students are gaining] like

work, school work and money [also complicate life]."

When asked what the most stressful factor was she answered, "friends [and the] social world are most difficult... [I have to remind myself constantly that] throughout life you'll meet and lose people. That's just how it is."

Miscio went on to talk about how difficult it is to try to deal with friends on top of dealing with grades. When asked about exam grades and stress caused by them, she said she's learned how to handle it.

"In the beginning I would psyche myself out for tests feeling that I couldn't do it... so now I don't force myself into thinking 'I gotta learn it' when I already know [the information]. I review but I don't let myself get stressed out."

The basic consensus among students asked is that one does better if they do not let exams get the better of them. Students have enough stress; they don't need to add on to it.

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Attention: Mr. Kevin Hill, CRS-S, Road Superintendent.

Please visit www.mindenhill.ca for more information.

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Highlander news

MNR revises work permit requirements

Changes designed to improve services, not reduce stewardship

By Lisa Harrison

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) plans to eliminate certain regulatory controls within the Public Lands Act (PLA) as part of its Modernization of Approvals Initiative.

The proposed amendments to work permits were released in December and appeared on the Jan. 17 Algonquin Highlands council agenda for consideration.

They are the first in a series planned by the MNR in order to modernize its business where possible, focus more closely on its core mandate and become more efficient and sustainable.

According to the MNR document, the majority of PLA work permits are issued to individuals for activities adjacent to their property or to gain access to their properties.

Depending upon the activity, under the amendments the MNR may continue to issue work permits but online instead of on paper, requiring uploading of any supporting documents work permit requirements may be eliminated if rules are followed (e.g. in activities with minimal impacts that can be managed

through regulatory rules) and permits for some higher impact activities may be eliminated if rules are followed and the MNR is notified of the work via registration to facilitate compliance (e.g. bridge replacement).

In other cases permits will be required only if the activity is new or has not been done within a certain timeframe; for example a work permit would not be required for

maintenance dredging, defined as dredging that has been done at least once within the last five years.

These amendments mean those who no longer need to apply for a work permit must be even more careful to ensure they know the rules governing that activity.

"People are still obligated to understand the rules and the guidelines because those rules and guidelines are embedded in

other legislation," said Reeve Carol Moffatt, who met with both the MNR and the Coalition of Haliburton Associations representing many local lake associations to better understand and discuss the amendments.

"People who currently don't submit an application probably

still won't submit an application, but that's where the good neighbours with binoculars let the MNR know who's doing what."

She said the MNR is "not just walking away from stewardship" as was originally feared.

MNR spokesperson Jennifer McKay confirmed the ministry will continue to hold individuals responsible for compliance and non-compliant individuals will be prosecuted under the "full force of the law" through existing measures such as stop work orders and minimum daily fines.

She said the MNR intends to create fact sheets and website information to help communicate the requirements to the public.

"Our proposed changes will improve service and clarity for individuals and businesses and remove regulatory burdens for routine activities," she said.

Public comments on the proposed amendments were due by Jan. 21. Following council discussion, the township submitted comments recommending restoration, repair or replacement of erosion control structures be completed with like material, and requesting information as to how people will register their projects if they do not have computer access.

The proposed amendments can be viewed at www.ebr.gov.on.ca under registry number 011-7669.

People are still obligated to understand the rules and the guidelines.

Carol Moffatt

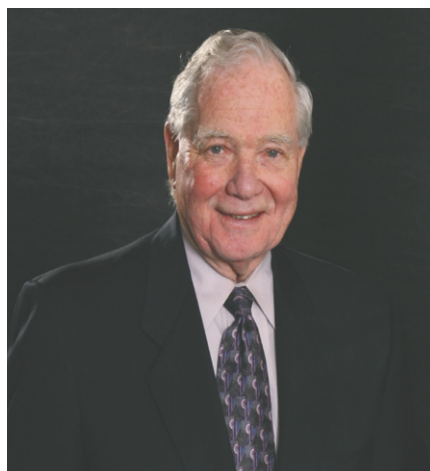
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Canadian Tire putting effort into service

By Matthew Desrosiers

It doesn't matter what kind of business you have, if you don't please your customers, you won't be successful.

For Steve McLean, owner of Canadian Tire in Minden, customer service is paramount for that reason.

"My wife and I started the interviewing process back in December 2011," he said. "We made [customer service] one of the higher priorities."

McLean said they looked at individuals who may not have had the most retail experience but would be able to deliver excellent customer service.

"We looked for people who were a little bit more outgoing, have a personality that likes to interact with people, or as my wife said, a bubbly personality. Someone you don't mind having a conversation with."

Despite those hiring priorities, early customer service at the store left something to be desired.

"I will readily admit that the first couple of months out of the gate, when it came to our service over the phone, we were horrible to say the least," he said.

Canadian Tire had a problem with its phone systems. Calls weren't being properly directed and staff didn't know.

"We had some individuals coming from Kinmount and they wanted to call to find out if we had the product before they made their way here but couldn't get a hold of us," McLean recalled. "They'd get here and find out the product wasn't here. It was just the ultimate in bad customer service."

Once they knew of the issues, however, it became a priority to fix them.

"We made that correction, to the point that when the phones are ringing we will run out of our way to get that phone. Phone calls are just as important to us as the personal interaction."

They also had a problem with inexperienced staff. McLean said they knew there would be some customer service issues in terms of timely service and general product knowledge.

"Our service at the beginning was really not what we wanted," he said. "We tried our hardest before we opened the store to give everybody training so that they would be more than adequate. We wanted them to be more than satisfactory when we opened up the door, but there was just so much to learn in such a short period of time that we found we weren't delivering what we wanted to."

The solution? Maintain more staff to counter the long service times.

"We made a commitment throughout the summer to maintain a higher than average number of staff in the business, just to enable us to better service the customer."

Instead of staff taking two minutes to solve the problem,



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Susan Ricard price-checks a shovel for Canadian Tire customer Dave Heaven.

McLean said he knew they would take 10 minutes.

"I was more than willing to spend the money to have more people on the floor."

As time went on, staff became more and more comfortable dealing with the customer and providing excellent service. Part of that was following McLean's example.

"My philosophy is that you practice what you preach," he said. "I'm on the floor. I deal with customers and staff see how I deal with [them]. Sometimes it's easier to show than to verbally explain what it is you are looking for."

The next step in ramping up customer service was to initiate Canadian Tire's corporate-wide We Care program in October 2012. The program focuses on customer service to ensure all stores are delivering a high level of customer satisfaction.

"Basically what we're attempting to do is to ensure staff are going out of their way to meet, greet and acknowledge customers," McLean said. "Find out what it is they are looking for [and] do they need assistance? We really put that into place."

The program was measured through customer surveys.

Thanks to their efforts, Minden Canadian Tire ranked third in southern Ontario.

"We wanted to come first," he said. "It's a program we embrace."

Although Canadian Tire is a household name in Ontario, McLean said poor customer would kill his business.

"Poor customer service will have an immediate impact on your business, short and long term," he said. "That's why we go out of our way when we make a mistake or when a customer thinks we've made a mistake, to try and solve the issue."

But it's more than just apologizing or offering discounts.

"Saying sorry is not part of customer service," McLean said. "It's just a fix. To us, customer service and customer satisfaction is greeting customers, acknowledging what their needs are, addressing those needs while they are in the store and helping them find product or a service."

"If customers walk out of the store with nothing in their hands, but they have an answer, then we are just as happy."

The Computer Guy — Do I need Java?

Another vulnerability has been discovered in Java.

If Java is installed on your machine, malware authors can exploit it and infect your computer from something as simple as you visiting a malicious or hacked website.

The fix that most experts are recommending is to remove Java from your machine. Chances are you don't actually need it anyway.

But before we go further, I need to explain the difference between Java and JavaScript.

Java and JavaScript are two different and unrelated things.

JavaScript comes with your web browser; it's part of Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, and whatever other browser you might happen to have. There is no separate installation for JavaScript.

It's used by thousands and thousands of websites. Disabling JavaScript globally would render many, if not most, of the websites that you visit regularly partially to completely unusable.

Java is a separate download. Typically, the first time that you run into a need for Java, it is downloaded and installed at that time.

It's a programming language used to write larger, full-featured applications.

While you almost certainly need JavaScript, it's quite likely that you do not need Java.

Java is used only by certain applications and websites, and the majority of websites don't use it.

However, you may have Java installed if you visited such a website, or installed such an application, even once. The installation was required to make that site or application work, but it's not practical to somehow automatically uninstall it after your visit or after uninstalling the application because there's simply no way to know if it's also needed by some other application that remains or site that you visit.

It gets complex very quickly. As a result, once installed, Java remains installed until you remove it.

If you feel you need to uninstall it then follow this procedure:

In Control Panel, go to Add/Remove Programs (Windows XP) or Programs and Features (Windows 7).

Look for lines titled "Java", "Java VM", "Java Update" and the like, all with the Java logo as an icon.

Right-click on each and select Uninstall.

After successfully uninstalling Java using the instructions above, you may encounter an error message saying that the particular website that you're visiting requires or uses Java.

Depending on the browser, you may also see a notification telling you that "Java(TM) is required to display some elements on this page."

If you run a program on your PC that uses Java, you'll see a similar error message (exact wording will depend on the program) indicating that Java is required, but not present.

You have a decision to make.

Find a different website or application that doesn't use Java or reinstall Java and keep it up to date.

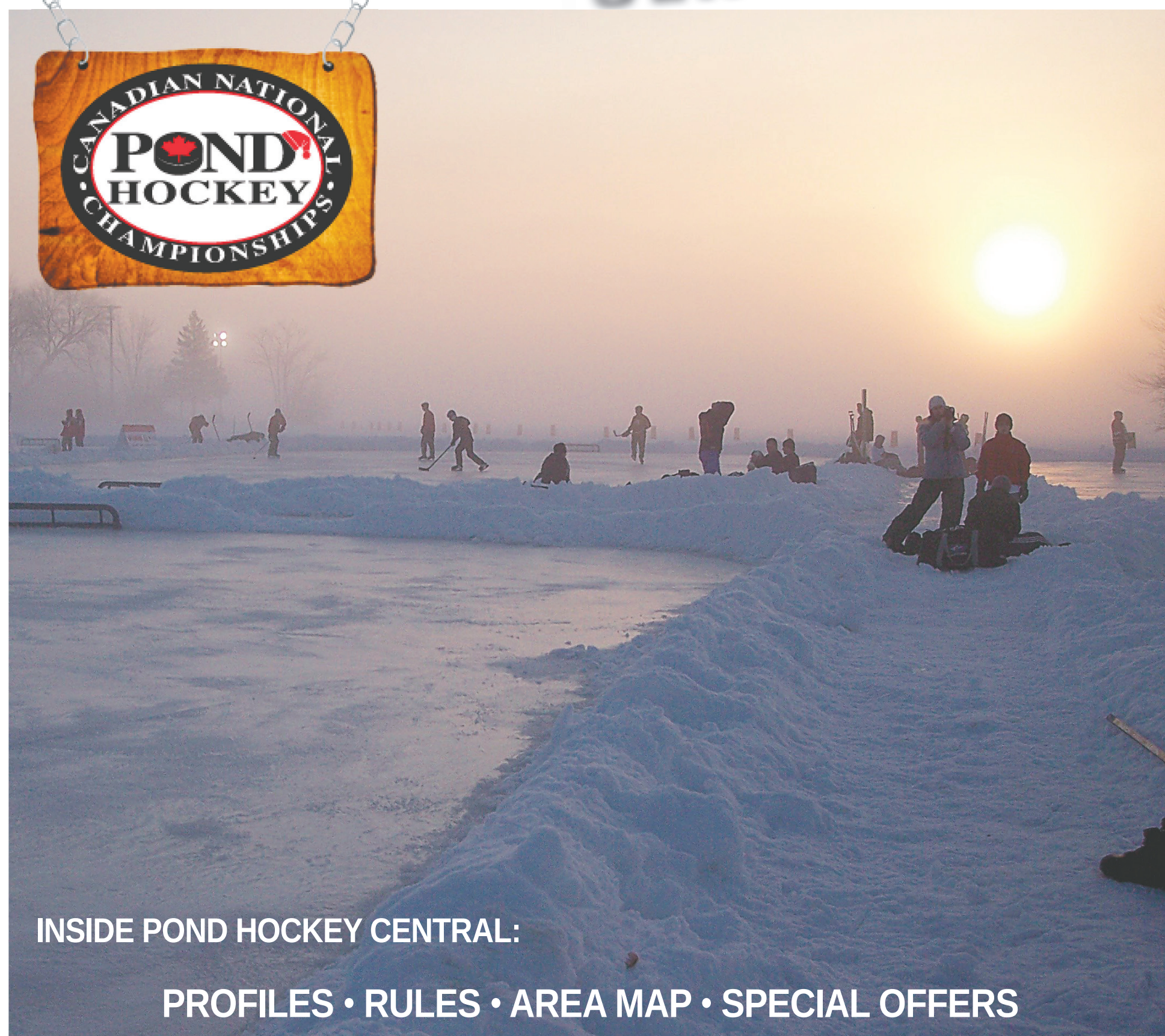
A fix has been released for the most recent problem (Java 7 Update 11). If you do need to keep Java, then as I said above keep it (and all your software) up to date.

For questions or comments, e-mail me at computerguy@haliburtonhighlander.ca. Happy and safe computing!



By David Spaxman

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Pond Hockey CENTRAL

Capturing the roots of Canada's game

By Matthew Desrosiers

It's cold outside, so cold you can see your own breath. But that's how you know the conditions are right.

The skies are clear as you thread your stick through your skate blades, throw it over your shoulder and make your way down to the pond.

As you approach, you hear the sound of ice crunching beneath skates, sticks on pucks and players calling to each other to make that perfect pass or shot.

You lace up and, with two quick strides, jump right into the game. The cold wind whips against your face but you don't notice, your eyes are locked onto the puck, following it, waiting for your chance to be the hero.

It's a feeling unlike any other. It's hockey, the way it was meant to be played.

When Neil Lumsden, partner with J-Core Marketing, decided to start up the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships, he was trying to capture that feeling for a nation that was, at the time, deprived of its favourite pastime.

The National Hockey League (NHL) was locked out of the 2004-2005 season.

"I was sitting in the room with the people I was working with, and said we should try to do something for the people who play the game," Lumsden said. "We should do something special, something different."

They decided on pond hockey.

"There's something special about [playing outdoors]," he said. "You go out to play for an hour but come home in five."

Lumsden said they wanted to recreate that feeling.

"Take shinny as a game, refine [it], but keep it true to what pond hockey is," he said. "Don't put boards in. You have to finesse the puck down the ice. [Our] mandate was to replicate that feeling. That was what the spearhead was."

He and his team travelled to other pond hockey events,

including the World Pond Hockey Championships in Plaster Rock, New Brunswick, to get an idea of what the event might look like.

The first tournament in 2006 sold out in 48 hours when 144 teams signed up to compete. This year, the annual event is up to 240 teams and has come to Haliburton.

It started out as a single weekend tournament but has since evolved to two weekends to meet the intense scheduling demands. Over the last seven years, the tournament has grown to include the master's 35+ division, a women's division, and for the first time this year, a greybeard's division.

"It's about getting out and playing and having an experience and staying at a resort," Lumsden said. "It's about meeting people and the camaraderie."

Earlier this month there was concern the warm weather would play havoc with ice conditions, but Lumsden said rolling the dice on weather is all part of the event.

"It's not perfect [ice], but it never was when we were playing outside," he said. "Just the feeling of playing outside, there's something special about that."

The game is different then what you see on television or at the arena. There are no boards and physical contact is not



Photo submitted by J-Core Marketing
Pond Hockey players compete at a previous Canadian Championship.

allowed. Play is usually up the middle of the ice. There are no lines to worry about, so the game becomes one of finesse, speed and puck moving to get into a position to score.

With no goaltenders, and no goaltending allowed in the rules, players have to be in the right position to take or defend against shots.

"It's a very different game. [It's] not about power at all. All those things lend themselves to having a little bit of fun."

Over the years, celebrities and professional hockey players, including

Vincent Damphousse and Jim Cuddy, have participated in the tournament. Lumsden said they are treated like any other players.

"We never wanted to use a big name to draw people," he said. "We wanted to keep it grassroots. We've had a number of pros come up and play. We don't make a big deal out of it, we just let them come play and be with the guys."

"Even they like the idea of just strapping them on and going to play a little bit of pickup."

This the first year the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships are being held in Haliburton. The tournament is over two weekends, Jan. 25-27 and Feb. 1-3.



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Kenny Sousa of the Officetrax Vandals charges up the ice.

Champion plays to win

By Warren Riley

When it comes to Pond Hockey, Officetrax Vandal Kenny Sousa relies on his athletic capabilities, stamina and previous hockey exposure.

Sousa plays to win but also loves to get together with his comrades for a good time.

"My preparations are more mental than physical," said Sousa. "I rely on my experience as a hockey player. I mentally prepare myself to compete hard and try to win but at the same time enjoy the weekend with my teammates and prepare for the cold temperatures."

For the past three years, the Officetrax team has won the championship trophy and for Sousa, he will be subjected to additional pressure.

"I feel as three-time champions every team is gunning for us so we have to be ready to play hard each and every game. This will be my fourth year playing pond hockey and I play for the love of the game. There's nothing like playing outdoors on the pond. It's as if you were a kid again. I am a very competitive person so I play to win. To me winning is fun."

Hailing from Brampton, Ontario, this will be Sousa's first time to the Highlands and he is looking forward to a rewarding experience.

"This will be my first time to Haliburton and I'm looking forward to spending the weekend. I have heard it's a beautiful community."

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Returning champs eager to hoist the cup again

By Warren Riley

The most anticipated hockey event to come to Haliburton in a long while is but one day away. Hockey teams are arriving, settling in and getting their hockey equipment in shape.

The Officetrax Vandals are a three-time championship team captained by Brandon Dawe and are gearing up to take home another prize to add to their trophy shelf. It will be the first time Dawe and his Vandals have been to Haliburton and they are looking forward to taking in the sites, winning a trophy but, most importantly, to have fun.

"We are looking forward to everything [Haliburton] has to offer," said Dawe.

"We are not staying in the headquarters at Pinestone but we are staying in Haliburton Heights which seems like a great spot. We will definitely try to spend some time in town and see what it is all about. Hopefully everyone is excited for the tournament and stop by the lake to catch some of the action."

The team's name goes back a few years and its roots are part of Dawes history.

"Officetrax is the name of the software my company developed, so that is the sponsor name. They help us out with all the beer (aka fuel) to keep us going through the weekend. The Vandals has been the name of our men's league team since the early 2000's and something we sort of just stuck with. Someone else actually came up with that name. We are definitely too old to be vandalizing anything other than our bodies at this point."

"We have all played hockey on a pond though since we were kids in true Canadian fashion," Dawe continued. "We started playing together the first year the Canadian

National Pond Hockey Championships started in January of 2006."

When asked what team preparations were involved for the upcoming tournament and what team the Vandals were hoping to defeat, Dawe was straightforward.

"Not much is planned as far as on-ice tactics, except to stay warm. We are all comfortable with our game. We play on the same men's league team and have grown up playing together. We kind of just roll with it when we get to the pond. As far as other preparations go, we make sure we have enough beer to last us the entire weekend, which I believe is just as important in regards to preparation."

"The team we want to meet without question are the Lemon Muffins. We have faced them in the playoffs two of the last three years including the championship game last year. Both games went down to the wire and could have gone either way. Last year we even went to overtime in the final. They are a skilled, smart and an aggressive team. We love playing against them."

The Vandals look forward to playing in the Pond Hockey Tournament but winning is not their main goal.

"Fun first and foremost, that is what it is all about. We all love the game and grew up on ponds so no doubt this is mostly for fun. That being said, winning is also fun. We are competitive guys that played pretty competitively back in the day so once the game is on you can't stop the competitive juices from flowing. But at the end of the day, we come to have as much fun on and off the pond as we possibly can, and if we win, well that is just more icing on the cake."



Photo submitted by Brandon Dawe

The Officetrax Vandals, three-time Canadian Pond Hockey champions. Back row left to right: Paul Scapicchio, Stace Page, Kenny Sousa, Brandon Dawe, Mike Cross. Front: Danny Gould

The Officetrax Vandals only compete in the yearly Pond Hockey Tournament according to Dawe.

"This is the only one we compete in. We treat it more as a mini-vacation and a nice break from reality when we come up here. As nice as it would be to compete in different pond tournaments, it is hard for us all to get away at the same time. Unfortunately, life gets in the way. This is the one we all set aside in our calendars each year, and we always have

a blast."

The Officetrax players hail from many walks and have played a few serious hockey games in the past.

"Most I can tell you is that we won a Provincial Jr. 'A' championship together in 1999/2000. Team members Kenny Sousa, Stace Page and Simon Mangos all had stints playing pro hockey in the minors for a few years."

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After five minutes the late team will forfeit the game with a 10-0 score awarded to the opponent.

NOTE: Games will not be re-scheduled. Teams will switch ends at the half.

Teams are limited to six players of the mandatory age group for the division.

Maximum of four players on the ice at one time. Teams may substitute "on the fly".

ALL penalties result in a change of possession. Penalties are tracked by the

olunteer officials. At the end of regulation time, a penalty shot will be awarded for every minor penalty that has not been canceled out by a penalty committed (ie differential in penalties committed vs. penalties sustained).

Major penalties will result in an immediate goal awarded to the opposing team and could result in a player ejection. A player that is ejected will have his/her case reviewed by the head official to determine if they may be allowed to return for the rest of the tournament.

The team cannot replace an ejected or injured player with an alternate player.

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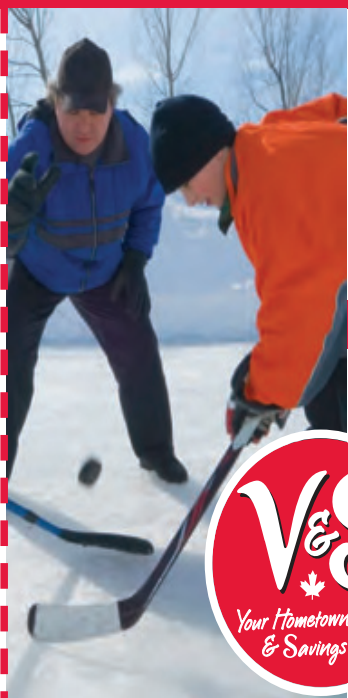
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Highlander arts

What's up with the Arts Getting away with it

"Art is anything you can get away with."

That quote would seem to be the universal rule of thumb defining what art is, at least in the western world, and it's now a long way from the multiple disciplines that defined the techniques of the masters.

The 'anything' quote is erroneously attributed to Andy Warhol who was at the forefront of the Pop Art movement of the 1960s. Images of Marilyn Monroe and consumer products like Campbell's soup cans were iconic and symbolic to Warhol, and he recognized the power that these images had on the public. Warhol became famous for reproducing such images and successfully marketing them to an influential clientele; and he was credited with the 'anything' quote by osmosis.

However it was our own Canadian philosopher, media guru and Warhol contemporary, Marshall McLuhan who was responsible for saying "art is anything you can get away with." But the essence of the quote, if not the actual wording, predates both McLuhan and Warhol.

In 1917 the artist Marcel Duchamps, best known for his 'Nude Descending a Staircase,' submitted a conceptual piece called 'Fountain' for a New York exhibition. 'Fountain,' with an obvious play on words, turned out to be a urinal. Not a painting of a urinal, but the real thing. It was rejected.

However years later 'Fountain' was voted the most influential piece of art of the 20th Century by a group of well-respected artists and historians. What Duchamp's 'Fountain' accomplished over time was to generate a new breed of artist who pushed technique into the background and brought concept to the forefront.

The impact of McLuhan's quote and Warhol's success brought people from more walks of life to the field of art; people who, in former times, may not have thought they had a way of expressing themselves. Almost overnight it seemed some of these new artists suddenly found themselves included with the great masters in the public consciousness. It could be argued that art had become more inclusive.

The 'anything goes' philosophy has been so generally accepted by the public and the movers and shakers in the art world that true masters are in decline. Masters are artists who

spend a lifetime developing their techniques, and the world

lost another one with the passing of Lucien Freud, the grandson of the founding father of psychoanalysis Sigmund Freud.

Whereas Sigmund devoted a lifetime to the study of the mind Lucien Freud devoted his lifetime to the study of the human form. He developed a technique of thickly applied paint that through heavy brushstrokes seemed to lift the very essence of his subjects off the canvas to the viewer's eye. He liked to paint nudes on large canvases, and one piece, depicting a naked, hugely overweight woman lying on a tattered couch, sold at auction in 2011 for \$33 million. It was a record for a living artist. Lucien Freud died shortly thereafter; not from shock apparently.

On the local art front we have a master of wildlife painting in David Alexander Risk. Risk has an enviable local and international customer base comprised of people from all walks of life. In December of 2012 he had an exhibition of his work in the village of Haliburton.

The event, with over a hundred Risk pieces lining the walls, was well-organized and well-attended. It was designed to correspond with the 50th anniversary of the Haliburton Forest where Risk is 'Artist in Residence.' But what had people tittering and twittering was the juxtaposition of his former, much-loved works and his newer offerings; both of which were on display for comparison.

His new work is a lot more abstract, graphic and colourful than his older, realist style. Although Risk's subject matter basically remains the same; fauna, flora, water, sky, rocks and trees, some people might wonder if he too had pushed his technique to the background in order to focus more on concept.

When artists change styles it's often because an experience compels them to do so. In Risk's case, an illness was influential in changing how he looked at life and at his art.

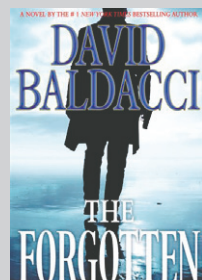
Many artists before him have changed styles, but sometimes the public needs time to assimilate the changes. Will Risk's new style be accepted by the majority of his supporters, or will it, like Duchamp's 'Fountain', be initially rejected? Only time will tell.



By George Farrell

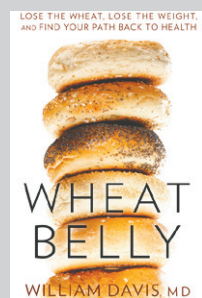
Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are the top five fiction and non-fiction titles as requested this week at the Haliburton County Public Library.



HCPL's TOP FIVE FICTION

1. *The Forgotten* by David Baldacci
2. *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce
3. *Trust Your Eyes* by Linwood Barclay 🇨🇦
4. *The Black Box* by Michael Connelly
5. *The Deception of Livvy Higgs* by Donna Morrissey 🇨🇦



HCPL's TOP FIVE NON-FICTION

1. *Wheat Belly: Lose the Wheat, Lose the Weight, and Find Your Path Back to Health* by William Davis
2. *The Ravenous Brain: How the New Science of Consciousness Explains Our Insatiable Search for Meaning* by Daniel Bor
3. *Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Won't Stop Talking* by Susan Cain
4. *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by Cheryl Strayed
5. *The Wealthy Barber Returns* by David Chilton 🇨🇦

The Deception of Livvy Higgs by Donna Morrissey has soared in popularity since becoming announced as the library's "Book of the Month" for January. The novel follows Livvy Higgs, an elderly woman who lives alone in Halifax. Over the course of a couple of days, while Livvy's health fails, a series of dreams take us back to her childhood growing up on a French coastal town in Newfoundland. She remembers details of her childhood with her mom, dad and close neighbour friends but as Livvy's memories intensify we learn about the shocking family secrets that were kept from her.

Filled with evocative prose and stunning historical detail, *The Deception of Livvy Higgs* has often been described as The Stone Angel of the East Coast. Comparisons could also be made between this novel and *Natural Order* by Brian Francis and *The Stubborn Season* by Lauren B. Davis.

All of the novels mentioned are coming of age stories that feature dysfunctional families, long-held regrets, strong female narrators, and are set against the backdrop of Canadian domestic life in the first half of the 20th Century.

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Art pops up as alternative to pond hockey mania

By Will Jones

Pond hockey not your thing? Perhaps a pop-up art event featuring four of the county's most talented female artists is more up your street.

Blackbird Pottery's Winter Emporia 2013 is described by the artists as 'a studio exhibition just in time for the dead of winter!' But, more than being a place to stop by and warm your toes, the event will be a great place to check out examples of beautiful paintings, pottery, jewellery and glass blowing.

Included in the exhibition and sale will be renowned ceramic artist April Gates, internationally exhibited painter and writer Victoria Ward, talented jewellery-maker Erin Lynch and Jennifer Wanless-Craig, who with

her partner Terry runs a glass blowing studio whose work is well-known in Canada and exported to the USA.

"Drop in, come by and see what we have to offer at this inexpensive but delectable

art and craft sale during these deep cold days of winter," says Ward. "There will be something warm to drink and snacks to refresh you as well as unique, hand-crafted works from four of the county's most exciting and hardworking artists."

The event is being held on both weekends that the pond hockey is in town: opening from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 26-27 and Feb. 2-3. It is being held at Blackbird Pottery, 1011 Penny Lane Road. For more details, 'like' Blackbird Pottery on Facebook or call April Gates 705-457-4619 or Victoria Ward 705-447-3418.



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Highlander outdoors

Snowmobilers constructing safer route

By Lisa Harrison

The Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) has received a green light to create a new trail in Algonquin Highlands.

HCSA president Joachim Matysek appeared at the township's Jan. 17 council meeting to request access to an unopened township road crossed by the trail.

Matysek reported the Ministry of Transportation has "encouraged" a new trail as a safer alternative to the current route that crosses Hwy. 35 east of Kushog Lake at the Camp

Kandalore entrance under restricted vehicle sight lines.

"It's always been a mess in this area, snowmobile-wise," said Matysek, noting one accident has already happened at the crossing. "Fortunately it didn't turn into too serious an accident and the individual recovered."

Matysek said east-west travellers must come through Haliburton to avoid Algonquin Park where snowmobiling is not permitted.

"So it's a very important trail, it's like a trans-provincial trail, so we don't want to lose it, needless to say."

The Ministry of Natural Resources agreed to make an old

logging route available and asked HCSA to request access to the township road.

Council granted access, with Reeve Carol Moffatt calling the existing route "higgledy-piggledy" and dangerous. "It's a sight-line nightmare, really."

The new trail will run north from the Kandalore area, jog west and then head north again 2.5 kilometres along the logging road. South of Fagan's Pond, HCSA will clear a new trail west to Kushog, and snowmobilers will cross the lake southwest to Noah's Landing.

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Algonquin Highlands township office.

Algonquin Highlands trails committee disbands

By Lisa Harrison

The trails committee for Algonquin Highlands has voted to dissolve the committee following several years of trails oversight.

The township manages more than 38 kilometres of hiking trails and 26 kilometres of Nordic ski trails as well as the 28,000-plus hectares of provincial and municipal public lands with waterways known as the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails. Visitors and cottagers in these areas use the trails for numerous recreational and sporting activities.

According to a report to council Jan. 17 from Mark Coleman, the township's parks, recreation and trails manager, the committee noted the evolution and management of the various trails programs and the establishment of capable staff resources and routine operations in making its decision. The committee also noted the township may need the committee at some point to assist in future planning processes, but "operations are more than satisfactory" currently.

However, members also recommended the township host an annual open house forum on trails management and development and that staff continue communications with past serving committee members.

Reeve Carol Moffatt asked about the need for the forum.

"I definitely had the feeling that folks were very passionate about wanting their voice to be heard in the future," said Ward 3 councillor Marlene Kyle, a committee member. "They're a very well-travelled group and very well educated about what's going on in the world of trails and water trails and I think it would be beneficial to us to give them an opportunity to give us some feedback."

Moffatt advised Coleman to consider what an annual forum will look like and what results are expected to come from it.

Council dissolved the committee and expressed sincere appreciation to all the members who dedicated their time to the committee and the trails program.

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Highlander sports



Photos by Warren Riley

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Skyline bonspiel celebrates 54 years of curling

By Warren Riley

Some curling events are bigger than others.

For the last 54 years the Haliburton Curling Club has hosted its Skyline Men's Curling Bonspiel. This past weekend the tournament saw 24 teams vying for one of four trophies and many prizes.

Wayne Hussey has been convenor of the Bonspiel since 1995 and is the bonspiel's nerve centre.

"We have 24 teams from across Ontario which equates to 96 people in four divisions and also a skills competition," he said. "The skills competition is a draw to the button. Each player throws a rock and the total score for the four players

[on a team] decides who wins first, second and third place."

The entry fee of \$240.00 per team helps to offset the cost of the prizes and trophies according to Hussey.

"We usually end up giving out meat prizes such as roasts and steaks and things like that. We also have a cash prize for the top two rinks. In addition, we buy a number of prizes from M&M in Haliburton."

Many local curling clubs and other organizations throughout Ontario host fun bonspiel events targeted to the more social or club curlers rather than the competitive, veteran curling crowd. The Skyline Bonspiel is one such event offering all-important fellowship and goodwill. Several curlers have been

coming back for over 30 years and Hussey is proud of that fact.

"There is a lot of tradition in curling. What happens is, if you were a curler and were fairly active, you would pick your favourite spots and where you are going to go. We have been lucky enough with the way we run the spiel and the camaraderie. We have great food, a full buffet dinner Saturday night that is catered here and we supply refreshments during the day. It's certainly a great value for everyone who attends."

The Skyline Bonspiel had a full complement of curlers this year to Hussey's credit.



Look for Pond Hockey results, photos and stories in next week's issue of The Highlander.

Highlander sports

Builders association plays for charity

Tournament brings teams from across Ontario

By Warren Riley

The sound of pucks crashing off the boards will fill the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena this weekend as players compete in an annual Highlander hockey tradition.

On the weekend of Jan. 25 and 27, the Haliburton County Home Builders Association (HCHBA) is holding its annual hockey tournament. As its executive officer, Aggie Tose has the responsibility to ensure the tournament is well organized and successful. With the Haliburton Arena unavailable, Tose was put behind the eight ball.

"Firstly the arena needs to be secured," said Tose. "We didn't get notice until late that the Haliburton arena would not be open so it was a scramble for us the same as it was for minor hockey, figure skating and other men's tournaments."

"Each team pays an entry fee that covers the cost of the ice, the referees, license, insurance, office expenses, and tournament expenses and of course our donation to the [Haliburton County Food Banks]. The first e-mails go out [to] book the referees and then to possible teams because without the referees there is no tournament. We try to get our information into many different arenas via our members who travel with their children to hockey games out of town but mostly our teams come from word of mouth."

Organizing the tournament can be just as tough for Tose as it is for players to win the championship.

"I try not to be biased but have you ever tried to get 20 men's teams to submit at least the first page of an application that includes only the team name, contact information and timing requests in good time? It takes a lot of coaxing, jolly, sweet talking and then down right ticked off talk to get just that page so you can start a schedule. There are prizes to secure, trophies to order and scheduling to be done once you chase down the teams to commit."

Tose has been involved with the tournament for many years and applies her talents and wisdom in a positive way.

"The Home Builders Association was looking for a venue to get more

involvement from their members and the hockey tournament seemed to be the right direction for the time," she said. "Wade Woodward, president of Haliburton County Home Builders at the time was an avid player and he believed this was the direction we should take. He and Jane Woodward were the driving force to get this off the ground 15 years ago. It started as six teams and developed to as many as 24 teams. We have now consistently had 15-20 teams for the last five years."

Local building and construction companies are very supportive of the tournament and Tose is pleased with the number of teams that have committed to the tournament.

"This year we have 16 teams," she said. "[We have] five in the open and home builder divisions and six in the over-35 division. We are lucky to have a consistent local group challenging for the cup each year in the home builder division like G's Unit (formally Burtch Construction). In the open we have the Minden Mallards and Dukes. In the over-35 our local teams are from Churko Electric, Haliburton Realtors and Royal Foodland."

There are three divisions: open, home builder and over-35. Although some women do play on mixed teams, there haven't been enough women-only

teams to warrant their own category. The same for over-50 players.

From the tournament's inception, Tose and her executive have recognized the need to support local charities.

"The Haliburton County Home Builders Association from the beginning saw that there were far too many groups to support everyone [charities] and the 4C's of Haliburton and the Minden Food Bank seemed to work the best. These groups cover the whole of Haliburton County as does our membership. It just felt right to make sure we did something that would help the whole county and not just one specific locale."

Local teams are but a part of the event for Tose. Clubs from outside the county are an integral asset contributing to the tournaments success.

"The Royals, the Dominion Insurance Company from Hamilton Home Builders, the Piners and the Tomahawks are just a few that travel to Haliburton for the tournament. For the first time we have a new local entry in the home builder division from CRS called 'Puck Up'. It will be a great weekend of hockey and we look forward to seeing who will be the winners."

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Aggie Tose

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Highlander events

Poker run is a go

By Warren Riley

Haliburton County has some of the most challenging and demanding snowmobile trails in Ontario.

On Jan. 26, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) is offering the chance for snowmobile enthusiasts to navigate these beaten tracks in the annual HCSA Poker Run.

This is Brian Goddard's first year as an executive and his first time organizing the Poker Run. His first step was to find a place to host the event. Haliburton RPM offered their facilities, and Patient News has opened up its parking lot for competitors trailing their snowmobiles.

The trails aren't in the best condition due to weather, Goddard said.

"Expect early season conditions," he said. "Snow conditions vary across Haliburton and we are working with what we have. Just keep in mind we lost the minimal snow we had around Christmas and almost all the frost in the ground. We

had to start from square one."

Last year's run didn't materialize for the HCSA due to mild weather which was disappointing for the club.

"One factor that determines where the riders come from is the condition of snowmobile trails throughout the province. Last year, while we didn't do a poker run, we noticed many riders from other places in Ontario because many clubs were not able to open due to a lack of snow. That said, two years ago when the HCSA ran a poker run there were about 75 riders mostly from the Haliburton area, but some did come from outside the community."

Goddard expects an above normal turnout for the event.

"We expect to see both men and women and in all age groups. We hope to see 100 or so riders. People can ride as much or as little of the trail as they wish."

The run starts at 9 a.m. at Haliburton RPM. Cost is \$40 for the first hand, and \$25 for additional hands.

The Once coming to Minden

By Mark Arike

In 2012 they were named the group of the year by the Canadian Folk Music Awards.

Together they are described as having "perfect vocal harmonies thick enough to stand on."

On Feb. 7, The Once will be bringing the sounds of the Maritimes to the Minden United Church at 7:30 p.m. Special guests will include Phil McMahon and friends.

"This is an amazing band," said Sean Pennylegion, artistic director for the Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS).

The Newfoundland trio, named for "a unique Newfoundland phrase that means imminently," began their careers as actors and discovered they had a passion for singing together.

"Their sounds do not come from the noisy pubs and dockside taverns that fuel so much of the Island's energy," states the group's website. "Instead, their music comes from a quieter and more thoughtful place."



Photo by Renita Fillatre

The Once, a folk music group from Newfoundland, are playing the Highlands on Feb. 7 at the Minden United Church.

The upcoming show is part of the Folk Society's concert series, which opened up with J.P. Cormier last October.

"The absolute top end of folk talent has been passing through Haliburton over the years," said Pennylegion. "These are big acts and big names."

Pennylegion said that many of the Folk Society's concerts over the past year have been sellouts.

"It's just wonderful," he said. "We're able to compensate the talent really well, and we're also able to bank a bit of money."

The HCFS is a not-for-profit organization that aims to "foster an appreciation of and participation in folk music in Haliburton County" in various ways.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased at The Photo Shop in Haliburton, Organic Times in Minden and online at www.madeinhaliburton.ca.

The lady traveller

Cruising – what to consider before you choose – part 2

In the last column I covered some of the things you should consider before you choose the cruise best suited to you and your budget. This is cruise "Wave" season, when all of the cruise lines have special promotions. You can find some wonderful deals that will make your dollar go further. Here are some additional items to include in the cost of your cruise. Not all may apply to you but make sure you consider those that will affect your budget.

Travel insurance – This is an optional charge on any cruise vacation but travel insurance of some kind is always a good idea. Cruise lines all have their versions, which can be added to the cruise fare and paid along with the price of the cruise. There are third-party sources that can provide customizable coverage and be very cost efficient. TIPS is one I use personally as they have wonderful customer service and work to pay claims rather than deny them. You can also check with your insurance company to see the coverage that applies when the cruise is charged on your card. Whichever your choice, travel insurance protects your health and your wallet. Cruise insurance – full package plan – costs approximately \$160 per person for a \$2,000 one-week cruise. Costs vary by value and duration of the cruise as well as the age of the cruiser. 60+ years of age will have higher prices.

Spending off the ship – Other than the price of shore excursions, cruisers go ashore for shopping, which is often

duty-free and can offer some good savings compared to shopping at home. A stop by a sidewalk café for coffee, a drink or two or maybe lunch should also be budgeted for. Find out what currency is accepted and whether or not credit cards can be used. Remember, the fewer times you change your money the better you are.

Optional dining venues – Generally included in the price of the cruise is an upscale main dining room experience, a buffet of some kind and 24-hour room service. In addition, some optional dining venues, called "alternative dining," are available for a nominal charge for those who want to experience something different. Those can run anywhere from \$20 to \$50 per person or more. These specialty restaurants enhance the whole cruise experience and the food is generally much better than in the main dining room.

Pre/post-cruise hotel stays – Experienced cruise travelers know that arriving at the embarkation port where the sailing begins a day early is a good idea. This is especially true when travelling in the winter, when flight delays due to weather are a real possibility. Stop over rates are available at Toronto airport so those of us travelling from Haliburton can arrive the night before our flight and ensure we don't miss the plane. Rates range from \$119 per room per night and that includes two weeks of free parking and a shuttle to the airport. For those who want to extend their stay in the port/country of

disembarkation, cruise lines have post-cruise packages from one to three nights or longer. These range in price from \$300 on up depending on the country, the included tours or meals. It can be a wonderful way to "wind down" after the cruise as well as have a more in depth experience of the destination. For example many cruises go in and out of Rome. It is a magical city that you should allow at least three days to experience. That will cost another \$1,000 per couple when you include tours and meals. You are cheating yourself if you only take a city sightseeing tour on your day of arrival or departure.

Internet fees – We all want to keep in touch while away and for some it can also be a business requirement. These fees can add up really fast. Internet access on cruise ships can cost \$0.75 per minute or more. The best value will be on the largest package available and can cut costs down by more than half. Equally important to consider, when budgeting for Internet access at sea, is the reliability and speed of the ship's Internet system. Pick a new ship or recently remodelled ship with the latest satellite system installed.

I am happy to answer your questions. Let's talk! E-mail me at ladytraveller@haliburtonhighlander.ca



By Carolyn Pawson

THANK YOU

Thank you

We wish to thank our many friends who donated flowers and contributions to charities of their choice and for the many sympathy cards we have received as a tribute to Helen.

A special thanks to the AH fire department and the ambulance personnel, doctors and nurses at Minden and Peterborough hospitals, Kirsten and Barry at Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, Our Lady of Fatima Alter Society for the beautiful luncheon and to all of our friends who brought food to our house.

Helen and I have been blessed to live in such a caring community.

Garth and family

Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you Thank you

Thank you to friends who gave cards and donations to the Hospital Auxiliary on behalf of my wife, Linda Hanley.

Also, a special thanks to Dr. Hayes, nurse Sandy Ambridge and Donna & Darcy Burke.
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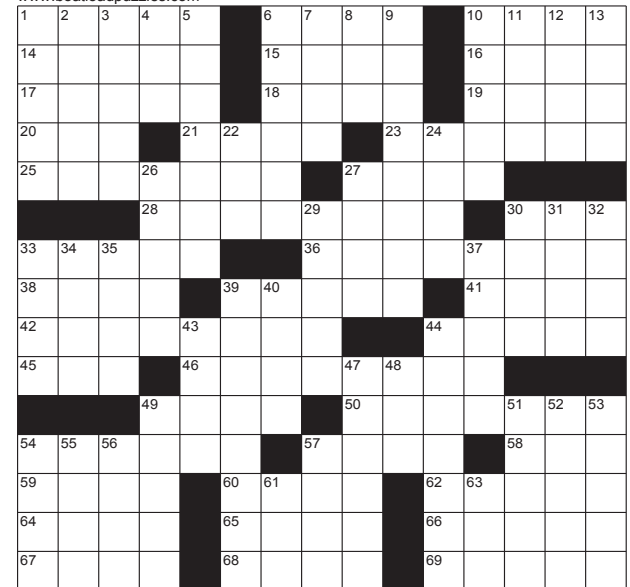
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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>A new issue of The Highlander hits the streets. Pick up your copy at over 80 locations!</p> <p>24</p>	<p>Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941.</p> <p>Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships start. Come cheer on your local Haliburton team, The Trailer Park Boys, who take the ice at 1 p.m. and 4:20 p.m. on Head Lake.</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Places for People Annual Bowllathon - The Fast Lane in Minden. Spaces available for the 1:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. game times. E-mail thefastlane@hotmail.com for more information.</p> <p>Support your local team in the Pond Hockey Championships! The Trailer Park Boys play at 8 a.m. and 9:40 a.m. at the Pinestone Resort. Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27</p> <p>Haliburton County Home Builder's Association Hockey Tournament - S.G. Nesbitt Arena.</p> <p>HSCA Poker Run - starting at RPM</p> <p>26</p>	 <p>27</p>
<p>MONDAY</p>  <p>28</p>	<p>TUESDAY</p> <p>100.9 CanoeFM Bingo - (every Tuesday) @ 6 p.m., 705-457-1009</p> <p>Wii Bowling (every Tuesday) - Community Care @ 9:00 a.m., 705-457-2941</p> <p>29</p>	<p>THURSDAY</p> <p>Shout Sister Choir is looking for new members. Practices are Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Haliburton United Church www.shoutsisterchoir.ca</p> <p>31</p>	
<p>FRIDAY</p> <p>Cribbage - (every Friday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941</p> <p>Pond Hockey Championships continue on Head Lake and the Pinestone Resort! Friday, February 1 - Sunday, February 3</p> <p>Scotty Morrison Cocktail Party</p> <p>1</p>	<p>SATURDAY</p>  <p>Scotty Morrison Hockey Tournament</p> <p>2</p>	<p>SUNDAY</p>  <p>Scotty Morrison Hockey Tournament</p> <p>3</p>	<p>MONDAY</p> <p>Contract Bridge - (every Monday) - Community Care @ 1 p.m., 705-457-2941</p> <p>Kawartha Lakes Emergency Medical Series is hosting an instruction seminar on the safe operation of the Public Access Defibrillator. This seminar is free to the public. Bobcaygeon Senior Citizens Centre, 1 p.m.</p> <p>4</p>

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- Drill part
- Yes votes
- Character
- Summer drink (2 wds.)
- Painful cry
- Legible
- Covered up
- Run, as colors
- Highway shoulder
- Peru's capital
- Slalom participant
- Drifting
- Creates the illusion of motion
- Actress ____ Sarandon
- Gamble
- Male vendors
- Food fish
- Made
- Receive willingly
- Smaller amount
- How ____ you?
- Clothed
- Diving bird
- Monastery head
- Large food fish
- Differently
- Author Oscar ____
- Visionary
- Low grades
- Express scorn

DOWN

- Suspect's story
- Sudden fright
- Decrease
- ____ Howard of "Happy Days"
- Paid for everyone
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- Oahu wreaths
- Cereal grain
- Made of large particles
- Molar, e.g.
- Honolulu's island
- Mix
- Loafer, e.g.
- Positive vote
- Served perfectly
- Nighttime vision
- Double-reed instrument
- Ascend
- Serpent's sound
- Inspiration
- Singer ____ Martin
- Spill the beans
- Fishing string
- Discharge
- Steam bath
- Frightened
- Seaweed
- Right away (abbr.)
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- Play parts
- Married woman (abbr.)
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Highlander events



Photo by Mark Arike

Volunteer Julian Anderson tops up a plate of spaghetti with some homemade sauce. Anderson was one of several volunteers who represented local dance studio Heritage Ballet.

Spaghetti dinner raises money for food program

By Mark Arike

Spaghetti dinners in the Highlands seem to have a way of bringing people together in support of various initiatives and organizations on a regular basis.

January 19 was no different as 154 people made their way to the Haliburton Legion for a \$10 spaghetti dinner with proceeds going to the Good Food Box program. The event, which included live entertainment from local country performers Johnny Burke and Ryan VanLieshout, raised \$800.

According to Mary Lawr, Good Food Box coordinator and Lions member, the program is in need of funds.

"We're having a hard time keeping up with the rising food prices," she said. "Rather than raise the price of the box, we've had to reduce the number of items in it from 10 to about eight."

Through the program, local residents who "need to stretch their food budget" can purchase a box or bag of fresh fruits and vegetables at a reduced cost. The program serves all of Haliburton County and is run by Lions Club members. Haliburton Rotary Club volunteers have signed on to deliver the boxes to their destinations for the 2013 year.

Lawr said that in January, volunteers packed 227 boxes (one box per household of four).

For further information about the program call Mary Lawr at 705-448-1128.

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TOTAL	\$90,000	\$175,000		\$70,000	\$50,000	\$141,200	\$232,600
MAXIMUM	Up to 25,000/ business 5,000 per individual	Up to 30,000/ year 2,500 per month	Up to 30,000/ year 2,500 per month	Up to 5,000	Up to 50,000	Up to 10,000	Up to 100,000
DESCRIPTION	To assist with skills development and training for employees and owners.	To assist recent college or university graduates with work experience.	To assist adults 30 years of age and older with new career opportunities.	To assist with research, planning and market expansion	To assist with the implementation of information and communication technologies to increase participation in the knowledge based economy	To support not-for-profit organizations engaged in community economic development projects.	To support innovative initiatives that have the potential of making a significant impact on economic development in Haliburton County.
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Social Enterprises	50%	100%	100%	75%	75%	Up to 80%	Up to 80%
Municipalities	N/A	50%	50%	N/A	N/A	Up to 80%	Up to 50%
Businesses	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	N/A	Up to 50%
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